

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for operating an internal combustion engine with a fuel injector (18) that is opened and closed electrically, a booster capacitor (BK) serving to increase the current intensity when the fuel injector (18) is opened, comprising the following steps: [[,]]

~~wherein, in certain operating states of the internal combustion engine,~~
switching a the current profile of a the booster current is switched from a standard value to an increased value and/or to a longer duration in certain operating states of the internal combustion engine and, when the certain operating state ends, resetting the current profile ~~it is reset~~ to the standard value and the standard duration₁

wherein the current profile of the booster current is switched from the increased value or the longer duration to the standard value and the standard duration when the number of injections with the increased value of the booster current exceeds a maximum value.

2. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1,
~~wherein, further comprising the step of during a starting procedure of the internal combustion engine,~~ switching the current profile of the booster current is ~~switched~~ from the standard value to the increased value and/or to a longer duration during a starting procedure of the internal combustion engine and, upon transition back to normal operation, resetting the current profile ~~it is reset~~ to the standard value.

3. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein, further comprising the step of when an overrun condition ends, switching the current profile of the booster current is switched from the standard value to the increased value and/or to a longer duration, and, upon transition back to normal operation, it is reset to the standard value.

4. (previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the current profile of the booster current is switched to a longer duration by applying multiple booster pulses.

5. (preiovusly presented) The method as recited in one Claim 1, wherein the switch between the standard value and the increased value takes place within one injection cycle.

6. (previously presented) The method as recited in one of the preceding Claims, wherein the current profile of the booster current is switched from the increased value or the longer duration to the standard value and the standard duration when the rail pressure falls below a lower threshold.

7. (canceled)

8. (preiovusly presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the current profile of the booster current is switched from the increased value or

the longer duration to the standard value and duration as soon as the voltage of the booster capacitor (BK) falls below a lower threshold.

9. (currently amended) An internal combustion engine with a fuel injector (18) that can be opened and closed electrically, a reversible booster capacitor (BK) serving to increase the current intensity when the fuel injector (18) is opened, wherein the current profile of the booster current is switchable from a standard value to an increased value and/or to a longer duration.

wherein the current profile of the booster current is switched from the increased value or the longer duration to the standard value and the standard duration when the number of injections with the increased value of the booster current exceeds a maximum value

10. (previously presented) The internal combustion engine as recited in Claim 9, wherein the booster capacitor (BK) is charged by a reload circuit (NLK).